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information including at least one of selection menu information and information related to the programming language statement.

26. (New) The method of claim 25 wherein the passive assist window generates and disappears independent of user intervention.

(New) The method of claim 28 wherein the passive assist window permits a user typing the programming language statement to type through the programming language statement information, the passive assist window automatically altering the programming language statement information in response to the typing.

(New) The method of claim 25 wherein the passive assist window further provides one or more entries for completing the programming language statement via automatic anticipation typing.

29. (New) The method of claim 28 wherein the one or more entries are user-defined entries.

(New) The method of claim 29 wherein the user-defined entries enable a plurality of users to modify related programming language statements independent of prior sharing of information related to the user-defined entries.

31. (New) The method of claim 25 wherein the passive assist window is a pop-up window that disappears if ignored by a user.

32. (New) A computer readable medium containing computer executable instructions to perform a method for assisting a computer programmer in modifying a programming language statement, the method comprising:

enabling a positionable cursor within a programming language editing tool; and